

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, there were 258 child abuse and neglect victims in Panola County during 2018. There was an average of 23 children removed from their homes during 2018.

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, children's advocacy centers and other community-based non profit organizations; and

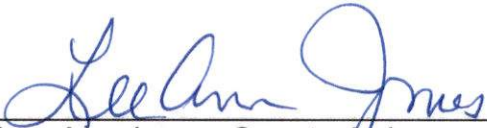
**WHEREAS**, "Children are our Future" and everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims;

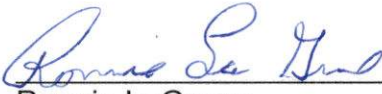
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019

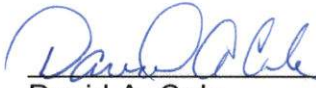
## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

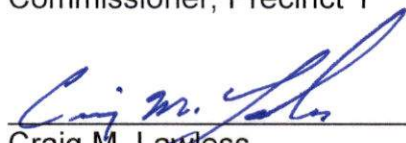
in Panola County, and urges all citizens to join with the Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center, and the Panola County Department of Protective and Family Services to help prevent these cases of child abuse.

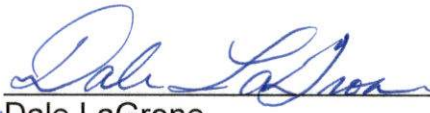
Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

  
Lee Ann Jones, County Judge

  
Ronnie LaGrone  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
David A. Cole  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Craig M. Lawless  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
Dale LaGrone  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

**ATTEST:**

  
Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

